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TOPIC KVP in the Eggesin Area

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1. From mid-March to early April 1953, four tactical rides or command post exercises of the Division Eggesin were held under the direction of Colonel Siegfried Weiss (fnu). They involved about 150 officers and NCOs and several Soviet officers including the general from Pasewalk and were conducted in the Templin-Luechen-Zehdenick area, Rostock-Schwerin-Stralsund area and in the areas of Leipzig and Berlin. The exercise conducted in the area of Berlin involved no NCOs. About 60 motor vehicles including radio trucks and several AT guns were employed for each of these exercises. the division of Colonel Weiss included six regiments, with one being stationed at the Altwarp training grounds and the others at the barracks installations about 4 km southeast of Eggesin and near Altwarp. The division headquarters included Lieutenant Colonel Tappert (fnu), Major Kaak (fnu) and Major (Adm) Hitzinger (fnu). Officer in charge of firing instruction at Jaegertruppe was Lieutenant Colonel Rittow (?) (fnu). about 80 officers of the Division Eggesin would soon be detached to Moscow military academy.

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2. On about 20 April, three battalions with baggage and small arms which had arrived on two trains were unloaded in Eggesin. Motor vehicles and heavy weapons which arrived included 10 tanks on 20 April, 30 factory-new Soviet 3 axle trucks on 25 April, and 26 light armored scout cars and 30 light AT guns some day between 20 April and 1 May. About 85 tanks were at Neumuehl prior to the arrival of this equipment. Other tanks had been seen at Gross-Stallberg and about 24 guns of 122-mm caliber and approximately 100 trucks were observed in the woods northeast of Viereck.
3. From 26 April to 25 May, about 20 of the about 60 barracks buildings in the woods southeast of Eggesin were occupied to capacity. As the other buildings were not yet completed, most of the KVP units had to tent. The construction work on the barracks buildings and about 250 small dwelling units continued, although only insufficient material for the completion of these buildings was available. About 50 T-34/85 tanks, about 50 field guns of 122-mm caliber and about 30 armored scout cars were in a fenced area near the barracks installations. several 100 tanks were parked there.

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